

CALFRESH (CF) PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR POLICY/REGULATION INTERPRETATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete items 1 - 10 on the form. Use a separate form for each policy interpretation request. If additional space is needed, please use the second page. Be sure to identify the additional discussion with the appropriate number and heading. Retain a copy of the CF 24 for your records.

- Questions from counties, including county Quality Control, must be submitted by the county CalFresh Coordinator and may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility for the county, with a copy directed to the appropriate CalFresh Policy unit manager.
- Questions from Administrative Law Judges may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility to the county where the hearing took place, with a copy of the form directed to the appropriate CalFresh Bureau unit manager.

1. RESPONSE NEEDED DUE TO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulation Interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> QC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	5. DATE OF REQUEST: 07/19/12 NEED RESPONSE BY: 08/01/12
2. REQUESTOR NAME: Sandee Zempel	6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: Shasta County
3. PHONE NO.: (530) 225-5733	7. SUBJECT: CalFresh - SSI/SSP Payment Status Codes
4. REGULATION CITE(S): 63-402.226	8. REFERENCES: (Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references) NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s). 63-402.226

9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY):

We have two scenarios that we would like to have clarification on:

1) If a applicant comes into apply for CalFresh and MEDS is showing the client in a payment status of "N32 - Denial - Capacity for SGA - other work" is the client eligible for CalFresh? When applicants are displaying SSI/SSP Denial Payment Codes in MEDS are clients CalFresh eligible?

2) If a applicant comes into apply for CalFresh and MEDS is showing the client in a payment status of "N07 - Nonpay - Medical cessation of disability" is the client eligible for CalFresh? When applicants are displaying SSI/SSP Nonpay Payment Codes in MEDS are they CalFresh eligible?

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

1) Yes, per 63-402.226 - The client is not in receipt and has been denied. 2) No, per 63-402.226 - The client is in a nonpay status. Regs 63-402.226 No person receiving Supplemental Security Income/ State Supplementary Program (SSI/SSP) payments is eligible to receive food stamp benefits. Under the provisions of PL 95-458:5; 1) most California SSI/SSP recipients receive as part of their SSI/SSP benefit a cash amount in lieu of food stamp benefits; 2) all SSI/SSP recipients in California are ineligible to receive food stamps. A person must actually receive, not merely have applied for, SSI/SSP benefits to be determined ineligible for the Food Stamp Program. If the CWD provides payments at least equal to the level of SSI/SSP benefits to persons who have been determined eligible for SSI/SSP awaiting receipt of SSI/SSP benefits, receipt of these substitute payments will terminate Food Stamp Program eligibility. Once receiving SSI/SSP benefits, the person will remain ineligible for food stamp benefits until actually terminated from the SSI/SSP Program; periods of nonreceipt or suspension of SSI/SSP payments do not restore food stamp eligibility.

11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):

If the county is in possession of verification that SSI/SSP has been denied, the household may be CalFresh if all other conditions of eligibility are satisfied.

FOR CDSS USE

DATE RECEIVED:

DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ:

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